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*Life Science; Environmental Problems Report*

**Process:**

Students should research a current issue in environmental science. Issues could be any of the following topics:

* Pollution
* Climate Change/Global Warming
* Loss of Biodiversity (varieties of life)
* Drought
* Disease
* Lack of access to clean water and/or food
* Overharvest of game animals
* Desertification of agricultural lands

**Format:**

1 page paper; size 12 times new roman font, double-spaced. Students should create a “mini-report” that consists of 4 key paragraphs. 1st paragraph is an introduction to the environmental issue, 2nd and 3rd paragraphs provide supporting information/data to support why this environmental issue is important (responses to prompts/questions below), and the last paragraph is a conclusion that summarizes key points on the environmental issue and the student’s concern regarding the issue.

**Content:**

Must include the following information on your specific environmental problem:

* Location of environmental problem
* Cause of the issue
* Impact of issue on people, wildlife, and on the environment
* How long has this been an issue; forecast🡪 is it going to get worse or better in the future?
* Possible solutions/fixes for the issue. If there is a lack of solutions or ways to deal with the issue, explain why.
* Why is this concerning to you? What should be done to address this problem?

**Resources:**

* Must use at least 2 resources with in-text citations. A reference page must be included. KEY TRACK OF YOUR SOURCES!

**SEE BACK FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

**SUGGESTED WEBSITES TO DO RESEARCH:**

**You may click on the link below to view website**

[Nature Conservancy - http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/urgentissues/](Nature%20Conservancy#http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/urgentissues/)

[Natural Resource Defense Council - http://www.nrdc.org/issues/](Natural%20Resource%20Defense%20Council#http://www.nrdc.org/issues/)

[Science Daily - http://old.sciencedaily.com/news/earth\_climate/environmental\_issues/](Science%20Daily#http://old.sciencedaily.com/news/earth_climate/environmental_issues/)

Grading:

The Informational/Explanatory grading rubric from the class webpage will be used.

Please download the grading rubric at your earliest convenience.

Paper is due 05/13/15